

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An optical disc comprising an information recording layer where information is recorded as an array of pits at a predetermined track pitch, and a light transmitting layer formed on said information recording layer and having a film thickness of 0.13 mm or less, the information recorded therein being reproduced upon irradiation of a beam of light having a wavelength ranging from 400 nm to 415 nm onto said information recording layer through said light transmitting layer from an objective lens having a numerical aperture ranging from 0.75 to 0.86, wherein a taper angle of said pits in a direction tangential to the array of the pits is in a range of 80 degrees to 90 degrees.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The optical disc according to claim 1, wherein the taper angle of said pits is an angle formed between a plane tangential to a tapered surface at a height position substantially half of a depth of said pits and a bottom surface of said pits.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Original): The optical disc according to claim 1, wherein said track pitch is in a range from 0.280 to 0.325  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Original): The optical disc according to claim 3, wherein said track pitch is in a range from 0.280 to 0.325  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 8 (Canceled).